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# House, 39 McMahon Street, ST ARNAUD



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## Location

39 McMahon Street ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The house at 39 McMahon Street, St. Arnaud has visual connections to other significant buildings in the street, notably the Victorian Early English Gothic styled Uniting Church, and the interwar Stripped Classical Masonic Hall. This house has significance as an intact and unusual example of the interwar Bungalow style, with influences from "Hollywood". It believed to have been built in the 1930s for John Francis Dickinson, Manager of the W.S. Kimpton and Son Flour Mill from 1935 until 1969.

The house at 39 McMahon Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of an interwar "Hollywood" Bungalow style. These qualities include the hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with the curved Ionic portico that projects towards the street frontage. Other intact qualities include the single storey height, tiled roof cladding, rendered brick wall construction, wide eaves, rendered brick

chimneys, paired and fluted Ionic portico columns flanked by rendered brick balustrades and supported by a red brick plinth with red brick steps, solid and balustrade portico parapet, and timber framed double hung boxed windows with a horizontal bank having a central fixed window.

The house at 39 McMahon Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in St. Arnaud in the early 20th century, and particularly with John Francis Dickinson, Manager of the W.S. Kimpton and Son Flour Mill from 1935 to 1969. Dickinson was also involved in local government as a Councillor of the Town of St. Arnaud.

Overall, the house at 39 McMahon Street is of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 39 McMahon Street, St. Arnaud, has visual connections to other significant buildings in the street, notably the Victorian Early English Gothic styled St. Arnaud Uniting Church and Sunday School, and with the interwar Stripped Classical Masonic Hall.

This house has a large front setback characterised by an open grassed area with perimeter garden beds and trees.

The single storey, rendered brick, interwar "Hollywood" Bungalow styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with a curved projecting Free Classical portico that projects towards the street frontage. The roof form is clad in tiles, while three rendered brick chimneys adorn the roofline. Wide overhangs are a feature of the eaves.

The most distinctive feature of the design is the projecting portico. It is supported by paired and fluted Ionic columns with rendered brick balustrades, and has a red brick plinth and steps. The portico is crowned by a solid and balustraded parapet.

The early timber framed double hung boxed windows are arranged in horizontal banks of two or three, with the latter windows having a large central fixed light.

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